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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7265**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1452

**DATE PREPARED:** Feb 15, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 14, 2001

**SUBJECT:** Employment Discrimination.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) The bill prohibits an employer from discriminating against an employee, with respect to compensation and benefits or terms and conditions of employment, solely because of: (1) the employee's allegation that the employee has been the victim of rape, criminal deviate conduct, sexual battery, or sexual misconduct with a minor, or has been subjected to sexual harassment; (2) the employee's status as a victim of rape, criminal deviate conduct, sexual battery, or sexual misconduct with a minor; or (3) the employee's filing of a charge or complaint of sexual harassment with any court or governmental entity. The bill provides that an employee may bring a civil action to enforce these prohibitions against discrimination. The bill also provides that if an employer violates these prohibitions against discrimination, a court may enjoin further discrimination by the employer and may award actual damages, costs, and attorney's fees.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** As an employer, the state could potentially be exposed to more or different civil actions resulting from allegations of discrimination in the workplace under the provisions of this bill. However, a fiscal impact would occur only if allegations of discrimination under the provisions of the bill were proven in court and there was a resulting judgement against the state.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** The same as the state, local governments and school corporations could potentially be exposed to civil actions and judgements under the provisions of the bill.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** All.

**Local Agencies Affected:** All.

**Information Sources:**